the said Nelpura. The *thodu* should therefore be restored to its original condition of public utility.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

73. The conversion into a cart road of the village road from Vattakkadu to Puthiakavu.

Mr. K. Govinda Pillai (Member, Mavelikara taluk) requested that the village road from Vattakadu to Puthiakavu should be converted into a cart road, as that road would open up that part of the country and be a real benefit to the cultivators in the transport of manure etc.

Dewan's reply.—This road is included in the programme of works as the 42nd and will be taken up in its turn.

74. The unserviceable condition of some of the principal roads in the Karthigapalli taluk.

Mr. Sankaran Kochukunju Channar (Member, Nominated) requested that the road from Nangiarkulangara to Kayenkulam in the south and to Thrikunnapuzha in the west should be gravelled, that the road to Mavelikara in the east should be repaired and that a culvert should be constructed on the road to Haripad.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

75. Improvement of the Thazhakara Puncha lands by means of a canal from Vettiyar river.

Mr. P. Jacob Kurian (Member, T. I. C., Mavelikara) suggested the desirability of cutting a canal from the Vettiyar river to the Thazhakara *puncha* lands for the improvement of the *punja* lands, for facilitating the cultivation of larger areas remaining uncultivated, for easy communication from Kollakadavu to Mavelikara and for the development of trade in the town of Mavelikara. The people of the place had presented a petition to the Dewan on the subject during his last tour to the taluk.

If the proposal should be considered either impracticable or should take a long time to be given effect to, he requested that the existing canal through the Thazhakara *puncha* lands should at least be deepened, widened and improved immediately, in the interests of cultivation.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

76. The means of communication in the Chengannur taluk.

Mr. P. Narayana Pillai. (Member, Chengannur taluk) said that, with the exception of the Main Central Road, there was no cartable road in the taluk. During his last tour to the taluk, the inhabitants had presented a petition to the Dewan about the need for a few indispensable roads for the taluk. It was not his intention to ask for any big road, but only for the conversion of a few village roads, many of which were only a fraction of a mile in length, into cartable roads. They were the following :—

(1) The road from the Erapuzhakadavu to the Syrian church.
(2) The road from the Thrichittattu temple to the Main Central Road.
(3) The road from the Main Central road to the Satrom.
(4) The road from the Satrom to the Mithrapuzha kadavu.
(5) The road from the Satrom to the Public Offices.
(6) The road from the English Girls' School to the Salt Bankshall road.
(7) The road from the Salt Bankshall road to Puthenkavu church.

Dewan's reply.—An estimate for Rs. 980 has been sanctioned for improving the approach road from the Main Central Road to the Chengannur Satrom and the work will be taken up in due course. The Member's representation about the other roads are noted for consideration.

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